

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) Use of the microbes *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* LGG, ATCC 53103, *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* LC705, DSM 7061, and *Propionibacterium freudenreichii* ssp. *shermanii* PJS, DSM 7067 for preparing a product for inhibiting yeast.
2. (Currently Amended) Use of microbes according to claim 1, ~~characterized wherein~~ by preparing a product of the food industry or the pharmaceutical industry, a health promoting product, or natural products.
3. (Currently Amended) Use of microbes according to claim 1, ~~characterized wherein~~ by preparing a food product.
4. (Currently Amended) Use of microbes according to claim 3, ~~characterized wherein~~ by preparing a dairy product, preferably cheese.
5. (Currently Amended) Use of microbes according to ~~any one of claims claim 1 to 4, characterized wherein in~~ that also other, conventional (starter) bacteria are used in the preparation.
6. (Currently Amended) Use of microbes according to ~~any one of claims claim 1 to 5, characterized wherein by~~ preparing a unit dosage form containing the microbes.

7. (Currently Amended) Use of microbes according to claim 6, characterized wherein in that the dosage form is a preparation for oral consumption.

8. (Currently Amended) Use of microbes according to claim 7, characterized wherein in that the dosage form is a capsule or a tablet containing xylitol, in addition to the microbes.

9. (Original) A method for inhibiting the growth of yeasts and for relieving yeast-related symptoms in animals or humans, the method comprising: administering the microbes *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* LGG, ATCC 53103, *Lactobacillus casei* ssp. *rhamnosus* LC705, DSM 7061, and *Propionibacterium freudenreichii* ssp. *shermanii* PJS, DSM 7061 to an individual in the need thereof in an amount sufficient to produce the desired effect.